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Divisional Inspectors of Schools and their duties.

* 90 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Divisional Inspectors of Schools are there for the Presidency and which are their headquarters;

(*b*) what the duties of these Divisional Inspectors are;

(*c*) what the total expenditure incurred by the Government from the year 1937 to 1938 was for their salaries, touring expenses and their office establishments; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to abolish these posts?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) There are four Divisional Inspectors of Schools, two with headquarters at Madras, one at Guntur and the other at Coimbatore.

" (*b*) The duties of the Divisional Inspectors are mainly to keep a strict control over the manner in which public funds are expended on education to prevent wasteful expenditure on ineffective and inefficient schools and to supervise the work of District Educational Officers and their subordinate staff. They also exercise the powers delegated to them by the Director of Public Instruction and perform such other duties as are assigned to them.

" (*c*) The information has been called for.

" (*d*) No such proposal is under consideration now."

KHAN BAHADUR T. M. MOIDU SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know with regard to these officers who have been appointed till now, whether the Government think it beneficial?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" If the hon. Member will put down the question separately, he will get the suitable answer."

Investment of provident fund amounts of school teachers in Government securities and Land Mortgage Bank debentures.

* 91 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the teachers' associations of private managed schools to permit the teachers (1) to have their provident fund amounts invested in Government securities and Land Mortgage Bank debentures instead of in Post Office Savings Banks; (2) to permit them to pay insurance premia from out of the provident fund amounts as employees in local bodies are permitted; and

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take on these representations?

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THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (a) Representations have been received for permitting teachers in non-pensionable service to invest their provident fund amount in Provincial loans and also for paying the premia on life insurance.

" (b) The question is under consideration."

Water-supply scheme for Salur, Vizagapatam district.

* 92 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorial from the citizens of Salur, Vizagapatam district, that an amount of about twenty thousand rupees was deposited with the District Board, Vizagapatam, for a water-supply scheme for Salur and that action may be taken by the Government to expedite the scheme;

(b) whether the Government have found out from the Vizagapatam District Board what amount stands to the credit of Salur in their account; and

(c) what action the Government have taken or propose to take on the memorial?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) A sum of Rs. 28,797 is reported to be available under investment.

" (c) The Government are considering the question of sanctioning the detailed investigation of the scheme. The Sanitary Engineer has been asked to report the cost of such an investigation."

Reduction of cycle tax by various municipalities.

* 93 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations from various municipalities seeking permission to reduce cycle tax; and

(b) what action the Government have taken or propose to take on the representations?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) A statement [a] is laid on the table."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 164 infra.